

COMMUNICATION FROM CHIEF OF STAFF OF HON. JOE BACA, MEMBER OF CONGRESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from Michael Townsend, Chief of Staff of the Honorable JOE BACA, Member of Congress:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, August 10, 2004.

Hon. J. DENNIS HASTERT,
Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: This is to formally notify you, pursuant to Rule VIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, that I have been served with a civil trial subpoena for testimony issued by the Superior Court for Riverside County, California.

After consulting with the Office of General Counsel, I have determined that compliance with the subpoena is inconsistent with the privileges and rights of the House, and I have instructed the Office of the General Counsel to move to quash the subpoena.

Sincerely,

MICHAEL TOWNSEND,
Chief of Staff.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE HON. JIM RYUN, MEMBER OF CONGRESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Honorable JIM RYUN, Member of Congress:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, September 7, 2004.

Hon. J. DENNIS HASTERT,
Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: This is to formally notify you, pursuant to Rule VIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, that I have been served with a grand jury subpoena, issued by the U.S. District Court for the Central District of California, for the production of documents.

After consultation with the Office of General Counsel, I have determined that it is consistent with the precedents and privileges of the House to notify the party that issued the subpoena that I have no responsive documents.

Sincerely,

JIM RYUN,
Member of Congress.

CHILD MEDICATION SAFETY ACT

(Mr. BURNS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BURNS. Mr. Speaker, yesterday, September 7, was ADD Awareness Day. Millions of Americans suffer from attention deficit disorder. Fortunately, when ADD is accurately diagnosed, it can be effectively treated. Unfortunately, when it is misdiagnosed, the treatment can be harmful.

Last year I introduced in this body the Child Medication Safety Act, H.R. 1170. It passed 425 to 1. Unfortunately, it has seen no action in the other body. It has been blocked by the objections of a single Member in spite of overwhelming congressional and public support.

This medication is not antimedication. This legislation is not

antimedication. It is not antischool. It does not limit teacher or school involvement.

It is designed to protect children. It does provide for parents and medical professionals to determine if a child needs medication for ADD.

This legislation is simple. It prohibits schools from requiring children to take a stimulant such as Ritalin or Aderal or other drugs as a precondition for attending that school.

Mr. Speaker, I urge the other body to take immediate action. We must protect children from inappropriate medication, and we must allow parents and medical professionals to determine the medical treatments for their child.

THE PRESIDENT'S ECONOMIC POLICY

(Mr. BROWN of Ohio asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. BROWN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, President Bush has spent a lot of time in my State of Ohio in the last few weeks. He was in Brecksville in my district just this weekend. He comes to Ohio to try to argue for an economic policy that has seen one out of six manufacturing jobs in our State disappear. His answer to every bad piece of economic news is more tax cuts for the wealthy, a person making \$1 million gets a \$123,000 tax cut, and more trade agreements like NAFTA that continue to ship jobs overseas. Clearly his economic policies are not working in a State that has 220,000 fewer jobs than it did when George Bush took office.

Instead, as Senator KERRY suggests, we should extend unemployment benefits. We should reward those companies that manufacture domestically. We should penalize those companies that go offshore like Halliburton and continue to ship jobs overseas, that continue to take tax advantage of the American people and continue to lose jobs in our Nation.

SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 7, 2003, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentlewoman from New York (Mrs. MCCARTHY) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York addressed the House. Her remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to take my Special Order at this time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from California?

There was no objection.

SMART SECURITY AND ELECTIONS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentlewoman from California (Ms. WOOLSEY) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, yesterday the 1,000th American soldier was killed in Iraq; 1,000 young men and women who will never again return to their homes and experience the warm embrace of their parents and others who love them.

Young men and young women have died for a war the United States entered not of necessity, but out of choice. An attack against a country that never possessed the illegal weapons it was accused of possessing, a war in a country that never once threatened the United States. And this war is not over.

Worst of all, of the 1,000 soldiers that have died in Iraq, over 850 of them were killed after President Bush declared the "end of major combat operations." He made his now-infamous speech aboard a Navy vessel displaying a banner that read "Mission Accomplished." That was 15 months ago yesterday.

Obviously the Bush administration has failed, failed dramatically in its postwar custodianship of Iraq.

The abuses at Abu Ghraib have emboldened our enemies and provided them with ammunition for the war of images waged on the front pages of newspapers worldwide. The moral support shared by countries around the world in the months after September 11, 2001, has long since evaporated.

When it comes to supporting our troops abroad, we have not done much better. A recent Pentagon study acknowledged that about one-third of all American casualties in Iraq could have been prevented if the military had outfitted every soldier with state-of-the-art body armor. Thirty thousand troops, most of them members of the Army Reserve and National Guard, did not have vital equipment for several months after facing battle situations in Iraq.

In addition to the 1,000 soldiers killed in the war in Iraq, this war has cost the lives of thousands of innocent Iraqi civilians, which some estimate to be as high as 15,000. And it is estimated that 7,000 of our troops and our civilian forces have died, or 20,000 have been evacuated out of Iraq for medical reasons.

This is a failure. This is a war that has failed. It has taken a huge economic toll in the form of a whopping \$200 billion in congressional appropriations, money that should have been invested here at home and used to pay for the real war against terrorism, a war that never has included Iraq. The Bush administration's line is that the war in Iraq was essential in fighting the so-called war on terrorism. Bush Press Secretary Scott McClellan, commenting on the number of troops